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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 6.7% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 17, 1990 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 6.7 percent to 36.3 billion passenger miles in May, and the number of passengers reached 36.6 million, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 4.1 percent in May over the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 9.8 percent. Passengers increased 2.7 percent to 33.3 million, while the load factor was 58.9 percent, down from 62.1 percent for May a year ago.

In international service, traffic in May climbed 14.7 percent, and available seat miles rose 10.4 percent. Passengers increased 12.6 percent to 3.4 million, and the load factor averaged 67.4 percent compared to 64.8 percent last year.

For the first five months of 1990, revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 8.4 percent to 173.1 billion, and the number of passengers rose to 177.3 million, up from 167.9 million for the same period last year. Available seat miles increased 8.3 percent, and the load factor averaged 60.7 percent versus 60.6 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MAY 1990 - 1989

	MAY			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	32,369	33,250	2.7	154,273	161,706	4.8
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	25,684,950	26,750,376	4.1	123,674,395	130,351,775	5.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	41,367,321	45,413,702	9.8	206,046,651	220,778,565	7.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.1	58.9		60.0	59.0	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,980	3,356	12.6	13,669	15,587	14.0
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	8,312,316	9,536,809	14.7	36,061,731	42,731,415	18.5
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	12,827,231	14,156,290	10.4	57,529,066	64,553,518	12.2
LOAD FACTOR (%)	64.8	67.4		62.7	66.2	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	35,349	36,606	3.6	167,942	177,293	5.6
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	33,997,266	36,287,185	6.7	159,736,126	173,083,190	8.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	54,194,552	59,569,992	9.9	263,575,717	285,332,083	8.3
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.7	60.9		60.6	60.7	

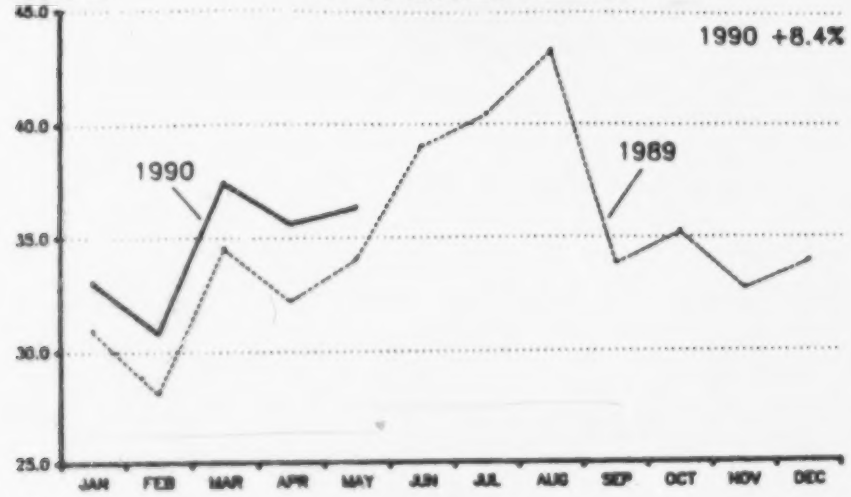
CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, AND SOUTHWEST.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

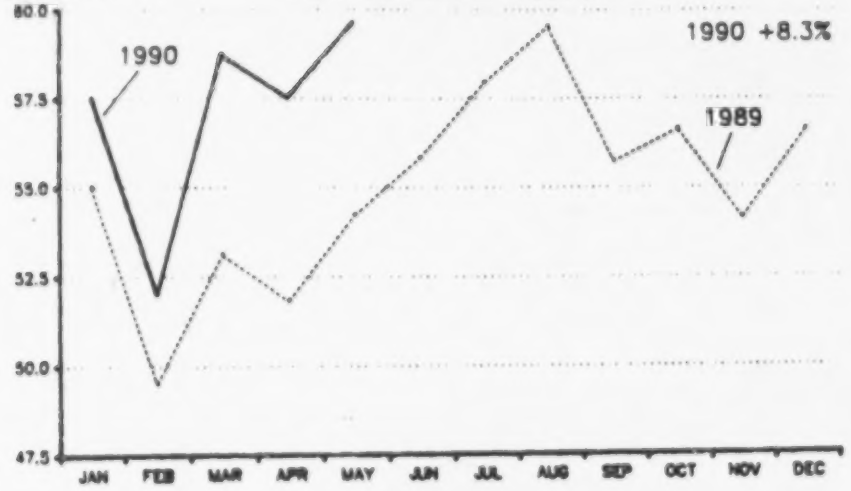
MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	30,867,681	55,013,022	56.1	31,797
February	28,129,463	49,505,995	56.8	30,170
March	34,535,395	53,098,952	65.0	36,673
April	32,206,321	51,763,196	62.2	33,953
May	33,997,266	54,194,552	62.7	35,349
June	39,058,160	55,791,647	70.0	38,449
July	40,820,138	58,446,370	69.8	39,608
August	43,233,256	59,457,357	72.7	42,042
September	33,818,820	55,656,890	60.8	33,668
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,822
TOTAL 1989	418,526,398	660,286,384	63.4	428,034
Jan - May 1989	159,736,126	263,575,717	60.6	167,942
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
March	37,416,889	58,727,893	63.7	38,800
April	35,613,709	57,509,004	61.9	36,713
May	36,287,185	59,569,992	60.9	36,606
TOTAL 1990	173,083,190	285,332,083	60.7	177,293

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
May	6.7	9.9	3.6
Jan - May	8.4	8.3	5.6

PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES